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CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~ / CONTROL / U.S. OFFICIALS ONLYCOUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)REPORT NO. 25X1ATOPIC Koethen Airfield

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DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED 22 December 1950

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REMARKS

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1. On 27 November 1950, 11 grey-green, low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines and a weapon in the cockpit firing to the rear were parked in front of the two hangars on the northeastern edge of the Koethen (N 52/D 95) airfield. \* There was no flying between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. although visibility was fair and there were no clouds. No radio installations were seen at the field or in the runway extension. Four trucks, each loaded with six bombs, left a **white building** west of the flight control station. The bombs were unloaded just west of a wooden temporary building located on the southeastern edge of the field, where about 20 bombs about 2 meters long and 17 cm in diameter were stored on a sled. \*\*
2. About 150 air force soldiers were having field exercises on the eastern section of the landing field. Two railroad tank cars, which were emptied into underground containers by two filler pipes, were on the railroad spur track. \*\*\* The barracks were fully occupied by air force and other soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Some private houses in the vicinity of the field were confiscated. No motor vehicle traffic was seen.

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\* 25X1A Comment. The description indicates that the aircraft observed were ground attack planes, probably IL-10s. The occupation of the field by aircraft of this type was previously reported. 25X1A Another source indicated that the field is occupied by a ground attack regiment which was stationed in Stendal prior to September 1950, and probably elements of an air reconnaissance regiment, also previously stationed in Stendal.

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\*\* 25X1A Comment. The measurements indicate that the objects were rockets rather than bombs. The rockets used by IL-10s, however, are 132-mm.

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\*\*\* 25X1A Comment. This indicates that the underground fuel containers are in the eastern section of the field, but their **exact** location has not been determined.

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